GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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POLLUTION IN YAMUNA
SHYAMA SINGH

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether illegal slaughter houses in the Capital are draining thousands of litres of blood of animals every day in the river Yamuna and a large quantity of toxic fly ash is also seeping into ground water acquifiers from Yamuna;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government and State Government of Delhi have failed on this front miserably; and

(d) if so, the details of the steps the Union Government propose to take in this direction?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b) Slaughter Houses/Abattoirs have been categorised under group `H` as per Master Plan Delhi 2001, which are not allowed to be operated in the National Capital Territory of Delhi. To prevent illegal slaughtering of animals, High Court of Delhi in its order dated 12.7.2000, in the CW No.2455/2000 titled Young Qureshis Front Vs. Union of India & Others, has directed Delhi Police and Municipa Corporation of Delhi to ensure that those offending the law are brought to book and that there is no illegal slaughtering. Action has been taken by Delhi Police and Municipal Corporation of Delhi against the persons found indulging in slaughtering animals in open place or in residential houses without valid license/permission from the Civic Authorities. In the year 2000, Municipal Corporation of Delhi conducted 152 raids with the help of Delhi Police in which 9 premises were sealed and 572 animal skeletons destroyed. In the year 2001, a total of 23 raids have been conducted by them till date in which 1 animal skeleton has been destroyed. No incidence of toxic fly ash into the ground has been noticed so far.

(c) & (d) To prevent illegal slaughtering of animals, Health Department of Municipal Corporation of Delhi has been directed to take necessary action against the persons indulging in illegal slaughtering of animals. The Deputy Commissioner of Delhi Police has also been asked to take necessary action under the law to stop illegal slaughtering. Electric power generating agencies in Delhi constantly check the discharge of solid contents and maintain the statutory parameters in the effluent before discharging into the natural drainage system. The quality of effluent released by these agencies is also monitored by the Central Pollution Control Board and the Delhi Pollution Control Committee.